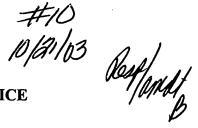


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Dear Sir,

Response B

In the claims:

All of the claims standing for examination in the above-referenced case are reproduced below. Claim 1 is currently amended.

1./A real-time operating system (RTOS) for use with minimal-memory controllers comprising:

a kernel for managing task execution, including context switching; and a plurality of defined tasks as code sets, individual ones of the tasks having subroutines callable in nested levels for accomplishing tasks;

characterized in that the kernel constrains context switching to occur only